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TAGS: PINT, SHUM, KS, US

SUBJECT: MYONGDONG DEFENDANTS LETTER TO PRESIDENT CARTER -
PRESS GUIDANCE

REF: SEOUL 1413

1. THE FOLLOWING GUIDANCE WAS PREPARED FOR USE BY
DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN AT NOON BRIEFING FEBRUARY 22:

BEGIN TEXT:

QUESTION: WILL YOU COMMENT ON THE PROTEST AGAINST THE
U.S. HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT ON KOREA WHICH HAS BEEN ISSUED
BY KOREAN DISSIDENTS?

ANSWER: WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED THE TEXT OF AN OPEN LETTER
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TO PRESIDENT CARTER FROM A NUMBER OF POLITICAL OPPOSITION
ACTIVISTS IN THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA, INCLUDING A NUMBER
WHO HAVE ONLY RECENTLY BEEN RELEASED FROM PRISON.

TO THE EXTENT THAT THE LETTER'S AUTHORS ADDRESS THE
DPEARTMENT'S REPORT ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE REPUBLIC
OF KOREA, WE STAND FIRMLY BEHIND THE HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT

SUBMITTED TO THE CONGRESS EARLIER THIS YEAR AS
REPRESENTING OUR CAREFUL AND CONSIDERED JUDGMENT ON THESE
MATTERS. BEYOND THAT WE DO NOT PLAN TO COMMENT.

(FYI: CHRISTOPHER'S ABA SPEECH MIGHT BE CITED, ON
DIFFICULTY OF PREPARING REPORTS AND INEVITABLE
DIFFERENCES).

END TEXT.

2. NO QUESTIONS WERE ASKED BY CORRESPONDENTS. VANCE

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